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TAGS: CASC, PREL, PHUM, CH, US
SUBJECT: DETENTION OF HARRY WU - CONSUL ARRIVES IN
HORGAS

REP: A) BEIJING 28588 AND PREVIOUS

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY: CONSULAR OFFICER TAXIES 350 MILES
ACROSS THE DESERT ONLY TO BE TOLD THAT THERE IS NO
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HARRY WU IN HORGAS. CONSULAR DEPARTMENT DEPUTY
DIRECTOR IS NOT FORTHCOMING ON THE MATTER OF CONSULAR
ACCESS. END SUMMARY.

3. ON SATURDAY, JULY 1, THE CONSULAR OFFICER IN

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URUMQI HAS INSTRUCTED TO TRAVEL TO HORGAS AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY. THERE ARE ONLY TWO FLIGHTS DAILY BETWEEN URUMQI AND YINING, THE CLOSEST AIRPORT TO HORGAS ON THE CHINA-KAZAKHSTAN BORDER. THE ROUTE IS SERVED BY A 48-SEAT ANTONOV 24.S FLOWN BY XINJIANG AIRLINES. UPON FINDING ALL SEATS RESERVED ON BOTH FLIGHTS INTO THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK, THE OFFICER ENGAGED A TAXICAB FOR THE APPROXIMATELY 350-MILE RIDE FROM URUMQI DIRECTLY TO HORGAS.

4. ARRIVING ON SUNDAY, JULY 2, AFTER A 12-HOUR DRIVE, THE CONSUL CONTACTED THE LOCAL PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU IN HORGAS AND THE PROVINCIAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICE IN YINING IN AN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE PETER (AKA HARRY) WU. BOTH AGENCIES FIRMLY DENIED THAT PETER WU HAS NOW, OR EVER HAD BEEN, IN HORGAS. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS ON MONDAY MORNING, JULY 3, PRODUCED THE IDENTICAL RESPONSE, A REFUSAL TO ADMIT ANYTHING BELATED TO THE DETENTION OF PETER WU.

5. THE CONSUL IS STAYING IN THE HORGAS GUEST HOUSE. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT PETER WU IS LODGED IN THAT HOTEL. HE HAS YET BEEN UNABLE TO FIND A HOTEL NAMED THE KARAMAY GUEST HOUSE. (NOTE: KARAMAY IS A TOWN ROUGHLY 225 MILES NORTHEAST OF HORGAS. IT IS NOT ON THE BORDER. BY ROAD IT IS 350 MILES AWAY AND 250

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MILES FROM URUMQI. END NOTE.)

6. CONSULAR MINISTER COUNSELOR RAISED THE MATTER WITH THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CONSULAR DEPARTMENT PENG KEYU AT OUR NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION AT MIDDAY, JULY 3. WE POINTED OUT THAT LOCAL OFFICIALS WERE DENYING WHAT HAD ALREADY BEEN ADMITTED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN. PENG'S RESPONSE HAS EVASIVE.

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